Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2017

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write today to express our strong support for the *Energy Star* program. Since 1992, this entirely voluntary program has provided consumers and homeowners with valuable product information so they can invest in energy efficiency with confidence and save money on their monthly utility bills.

The blue *Energy Star* logo, which nearly nine of every ten Americans now recognize, is a symbol that provides knowledge and security to consumers as they know that a product has been voluntarily tested to prove it will lower utility costs and has the performance and durability that consumers have come to expect. That knowledge has led consumers to purchase energy efficient products that have saved families \$430 billion over the past 25 years as a result of this program.

The program also provides manufacturers, homebuilders, and contractors the option to differentiate their products and services from the wide variety of choices available, should they choose to voluntarily participate. For example, in 2015, over 1,800 different manufacturers made and marketed an *Energy Star* certified product, 82,000 new homes were built, and 1,600 contractors completed 89,000 retrofits of existing homes that met *Energy Star* standards to the benefit of consumers.

With over 300 million products sold in 2015, it is clear that consumers have put their trust in *Energy Star* and the assurance of saving money on energy when they make a large investment in their home or a major household appliance. By giving businesses the option to participate in this program, more consumers have access to the kind of reliable and verified information they seek when they make a significant purchase, like a refrigerator, furnace, television, or roofing materials.

The benefits of *Energy Star* are realized across the entire U.S. economy from consumers saving money on their utility bills to the broad impact on our manufacturing, engineering, and construction industries. We look forward to working with you to ensure the continued success of the *Energy Star* program.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies